

APPENDIX 13c
QUESTIONS FOR LEAD SCREENING - RISK ASSESSMENT

Beginning at six months of age and at each visit thereafter, the provider must discuss with the child's parent or guardian childhood lead poisoning interventions and assess the child's risk for exposure. Ask the following types of questions at a minimum.

- Does your child live in or regularly visit an older house built before 1960? Was your child's day care center, preschool, or babysitter's home built before 1960? Does the house have peeling or chipping paint?
- Does your child live in a house built before 1960 with recent, ongoing or planned renovation or remodelling?
- Have any of your children or their playmates had lead poisoning?
- Does your child frequently come in contact with an adult who works with lead? Examples are construction, welding, pottery (or other trades practiced in your community).
- Does your child live near a lead smelter, battery recycling plant, or other industry likely to release lead such as (give examples in your community)?
- Do you give your child any home or folk remedies which may contain lead?
- Does your child live near a heavily travelled major highway where soil and dust may be contaminated with lead?
- Does your home's plumbing have lead pipes or copper with lead solder joints?
- Ask any additional questions that may be specific to situations which exist in a particular community.

If the answer to any question is positive, a child is considered high risk for high doses of lead exposure. One additional question that should also be asked for determining risk is:

- When, if ever, did your child have a blood lead test done?